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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,239,266

AL German OS 197 20 438

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL and the German counterpart to Reference AA were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since Reference AA is in English, no further commentary concerning its teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto which constitutes a summary of its teachings.



Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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